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Tabulation of the Numbers of Motor Vehicles Available in the GDR.

Date	Total of Motor Vehicles	Passenger Cars ¹	Total	Trucks Including Vehicles			Buses	Prime Movers ²	Motorcycles	Special Vehicles ³	Trailers
				below 1.5 tons	from 1.5 tons 3 tons	from 3 to 5 tons					
31 December 1936 ⁴	-	221,954	58,435	-	-	-	2,628	7,499	-	-	-
31 December 1938 ⁴	-	300,686	80,922	-	-	-	4,093	14,275	-	-	-
31 December 1949	-	75,397	99,097	-	-	-	2,009	12,645	-	-	-
1 July 1950	468,295	78,704	97,693	59,025	26,977	10,141	1,993	12,872	214,308	2,745	56,667 ⁵
1 July 1951	452,896	91,223	107,376	63,855	13,512	24,149	2,395	13,536	235,350	3,016	66,675 ⁵
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15 July 1954	-	101,136 ⁷	87,094	-	-	-	3,524	15,724	280,875	4,796	43,127

Note: ¹ Including ambulances
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